



ALDI LOGISTICS PLATFORM CONTROL PROJECT

#### THE PROJECT

The project we present is the design, installation, programming and commissioning of the KNX supervision and control system of 2 newly built logistics platforms and an expansion and renovation of another logistics plant of the supermarket company ALDI for the storage and distribution of merchandise that will later be sold in supermarkets throughout Spain.

These logistics centers are located in Dos Hermanas (Seville), Sagunto (Valencia) and Miranda de Ebro (Burgos), all of them in Spain.

All logistics centers are controlled from the ALDI company headquarters in Barcelona.

Logistics center











#### **OUR COMPANY**

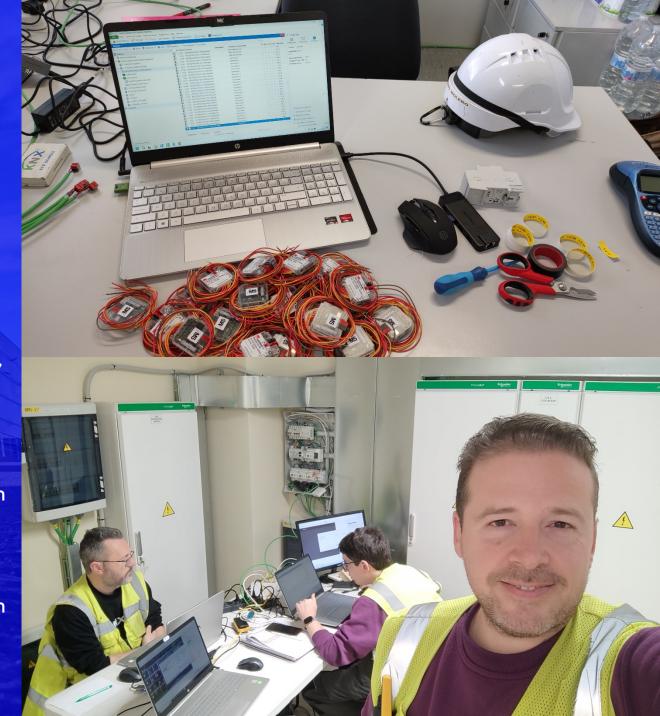
We are IKNX Engineering, a Spanish company with more than 15 years of experience in installations and projects under the KNX standard.

Not only we like big challenges like this project but we also love to show step by step how we do our installations. On our YouTube channel we teach our followers all the secrets of the KNX world.

The project we present today has been one of the most creative designs we have done so far because we have been able to integrate other systems such as Bacnet, Modbus, DALI, etc. into a system whose main pillar is the KNX standard.

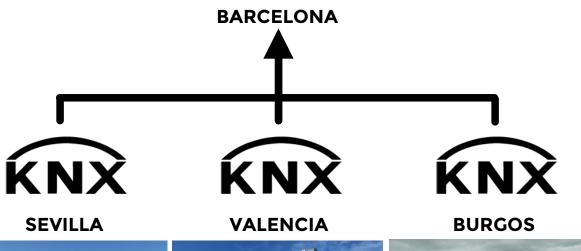
We have loved "playing" with the hundreds of devices from all the manufacturers that have participated in this project. We have thousands of anecdotes. We have laughed and we have cried, we have been days without sleep and we have also been many days away from home without seeing our families. And although all this has been left behind, we can say today that this project has been the most wonderful work we have created.

**IKNX Team** 











For the design of this project, each logistics centre has been designed to work independently, so that in case of failure of a logistics plant, the rest of the plants continue to operate without being affected.

All centres are equipped with a main control system based on the KNX standard. By means of the supervision system, the maintenance technicians of each plant carry out the control and constant supervision operations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

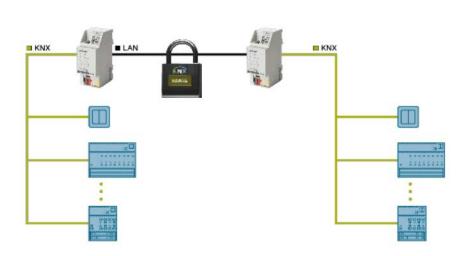
From the company's headquarters in Barcelona, technical managers can perform maintenance checks at each plant, analyse graphs, statistics, circuit status and technical alarms.

The system is able to make comparisons between different installations and to draw statistics.









#### **PROJECT SAFETY**

The project has taken into account safety levels commensurate with the size of the installation.

To ensure secure communication, ALDI's IT department has worked closely with our team of engineers to design a fully secure system, complemented by KNX Secure technology which guarantees encryption of information and blocks unauthorised access to the system.

Installation and assembly techniques have also been used to prevent the devices from being tampered with by unauthorised personnel.



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#### A MULTI-MANUFACTURER PROJECT

The project has been carried out with hundreds of devices from different manufacturers under the same standard.

The solutions given in the project have been studied looking for the most suitable KNX device on the market for each need.

One of the most important things that have been taken into account is that the devices installed in electrical panels and cooling chambers must have as an important characteristic the ability to work in extreme humidity and temperature environments...

Currently, the project is fully alive, allowing for constant extensions of new solutions for the daily needs of working in logistics plants. This brings the number of KNX manufacturers that have collaborated in this project to over a dozen.











#### **MULTI-PROTOCOL**

One of the biggest challenges of the project was to ensure that all the installed equipment could *talk* to each other.

It should be borne in mind that in a project of this magnitude we can find fire protection systems, exhausters, air conditioning, water pumping, industrial refrigeration, electrical installations, extraction and ventilation systems, lighting systems, door control systems, etc.

In order to be able to group all communications, different gateways to other communication languages such as Modbus 485, Modbus TCP-IP, Bacnet, DALI, etc. have been used.

A supervision and control unit installed in each of the logistics plants acts as a link between all the communication protocols and the user who monitors and controls the plant according to the needs of the moment.



#### **BREEAM CERTIFICATION**

The project has been designed to meet the requirements in order to obtain the recognised and prestigious BREEAM certification.

BREEAM promotes sustainable building construction that results in savings, health and environmental benefits for everyone involved in the lifetime of the building.

The points that have been addressed in our project are as follows:

- To ensure the visual comfort of the people working in the logistics plant thanks to the automatic lighting control system.
- To ensure the thermal comfort of all persons thanks to climate control.
- To ensure air quality throughout the building by monitoring and storing data in real time and sending the necessary alerts in the event of non-compliance with current regulations.
- ✓ To control of drinking water use throughout the building.
- ✓ To promote efficient electricity consumption, thus reducing CO2 emissions into the atmosphere.

# BREEAM®





#### REFRIGERATED CHAMBERS

All temperatures in the refrigerated chambers where the goods that will later reach the shops are stored are monitored in real time.

The system is capable of detecting industrial refrigeration equipment alarms and out-of-range temperatures. Once the alarm occurs, the system notifies the maintenance team via email, push message on Telegram and activates the plant's audible alarms.

All data is stored in the cloud to record product traceability and ensure quality control.

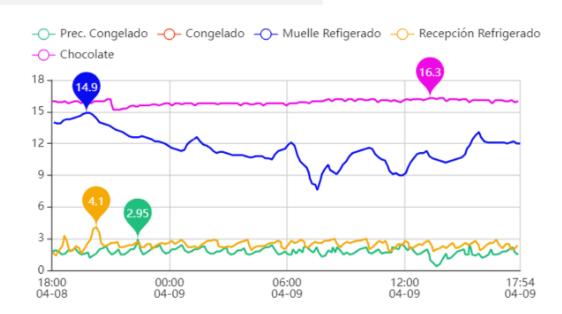
The data can be viewed from the smartphones, tablets and PCs of the maintenance team's technicians.

#### Temperaturas Cámaras





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#### **CONTROL OF REFRIGERATED CHAMBER DOORS**

The system is able to detect the opening and closing of the refrigeration chambers. Once the door has been opened, a timer counts the opening time so that if a setpoint value is exceeded, an alarm is sent to the maintenance team.

The door control is intended for efficient use of energy in industrial refrigeration. It is also essential to ensure the traceability of the temperature of food products that customers can later purchase in different shops throughout the country.

#### **CONTROL OF DEHUMIDIFYING EQUIPMENT**

Dehumidifiers prevent the formation of ice on the floor near the doors of cold rooms. These units have very high electrical consumption, so it is essential that the system automatically switches these units on and off when it detects the opening and closing of the doors of the refrigerated chambers.



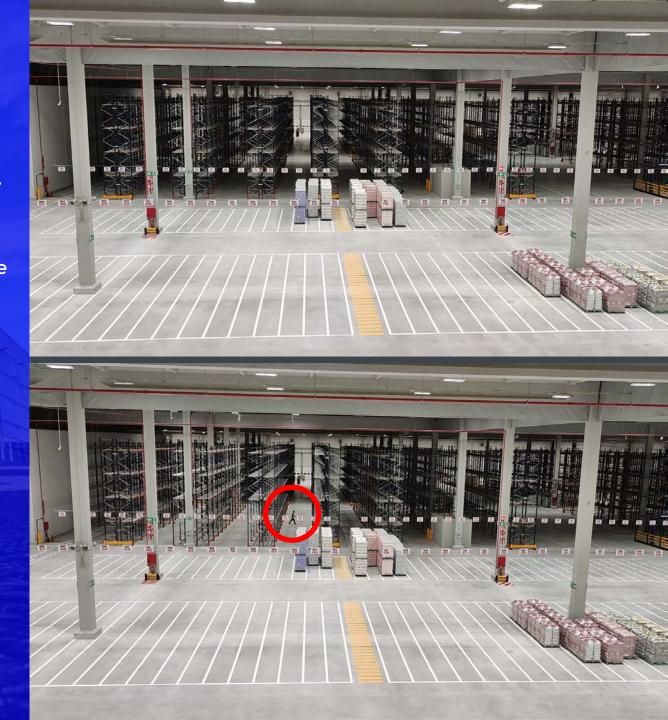


#### LIGHTING CONTROL

All the logistics plants have an advanced lighting control system using DALI technology. The system allows luminaires to be switched on according to the detection of people passing by, working hours and brightness due to natural light, etc.

The offices are equipped with constant lighting control for visual comfort. The opening and closing of blinds modifies the natural light coming in from windows and the light from the luminaires is automatically adapted.

Thousands of luminaires are controlled and monitored from the system and their alarm messages are supervised.





## AIR CONDITIONING, EXHAUST AND AIR QUALITY CONTROL

The project has been designed to meet the requirements for obtaining the recognised and prestigious BREEAM certification, which is why thermal comfort is important.

The entire air-conditioning and extraction system is automatically controlled according to the values sent by the various sensors installed throughout the plant.

It is also possible to monitor the alarm states of air conditioning and exhaust air equipment.

The magnitudes measured by the sensors are recorded in the system and can be monitored in graphs. Reports in Excel or pdf format can be exported as well.



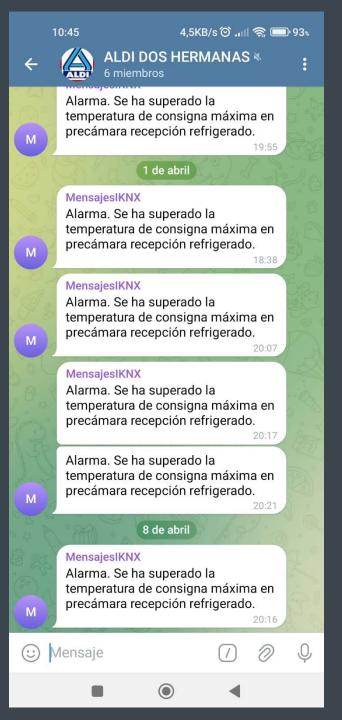


#### **COMPATIBILITY WITH THIRD PARTY PLATFORMS**

The most widely used tool for receiving alarm messages by the entire maintenance team is a Telegram group where alerts are received early enough to be able to react to real problems.

This tool is fully compatible with the KNX system and is highly valued for its easy use as it is an everyday tool for everyone working in the industrial plant.

There are different Telegram groups to segment the different logistics plants.





### MONITORING AND ANALYSIS OF THE PHOTOVOLTAIC PRODUCTION SYSTEM

All logistics plants have a photovoltaic system installed on the roof. This system is constantly monitored and supervised by the main control system.

All energy production data are recorded for subsequent analysis of the performance and amortisation of the photovoltaic project.







## MONITORING AND CONTROL OF THE GENSET SYSTEM

The logistics plants are equipped with generators to supply the plants in the event of a power failure.

These gensets are monitored from the control system and values such as genset status, fuel tank level, engine alarms, etc. are supervised.

When switching from the main power grid to genset, an action protocol is triggered in the monitoring system to alert the maintenance team that a power failure event has occurred.





## SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL REFRIGERATION PRODUCTION

The logistics plants are equipped with refrigerated chambers where goods are stored at low temperatures.

In order to maintain this temperature, industrial refrigeration plants that work 24 hours a day 365 days a year are needed.

The system is constantly monitoring that this equipment is working properly and in case of any malfunction an alarm is sent to the control system quickly.

The alarms that we can receive can be of different types depending on whether they are related to compressors, engines, industrial gas leaks, tank levels, etc.

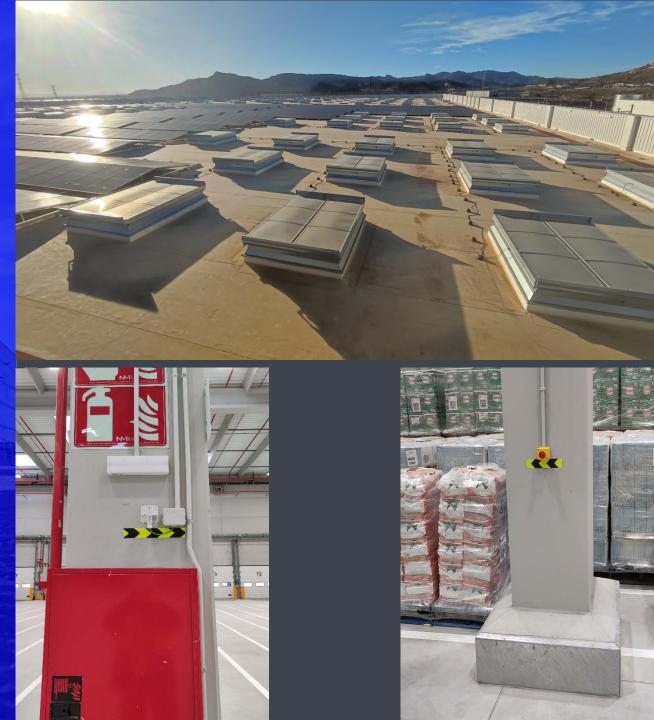




## SMOKE EXHAUST CONTROL AND FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM

The opening and closing of the exhausts is controlled according to the established conditions. The entire fire protection system is also monitored, which will give an alert of the sector affected by a fire and will warn all the personnel of the logistics plant for a possible evacuation of the work area.

Each logistics floor is divided into different zones, each of which is completely independent of the others.





## MONITORING AND CONTROL OF ELECTRICAL PANELS

The states of the electrical protections of the different electrical panels are monitored. The statuses are also forced to remotely close and open for maintenance manoeuvres.

All alerts are monitored and sent by email, Telegram group or can even be assigned to visual and/or audible alarms throughout the plant.





# MONITORING OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER CONSUMPTION

The system has a powerful data storage system with a copy in the cloud to be able to record all the historical consumption of electricity, water, etc.

Through an user-friendly interface, the customer can monitor graphs over time, perform analysis and statistics.

All data can be exported in different formats such as Excel, pdf, etc.

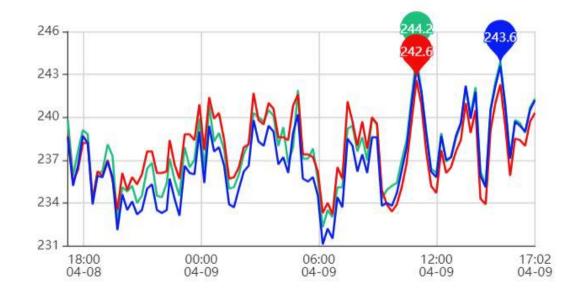
Cloud-based data logging allows comparisons to be made between the different logistics centres in order to know which is the most efficient and what objectives can be set for the following year.

## Tensión General Fase-Neutro



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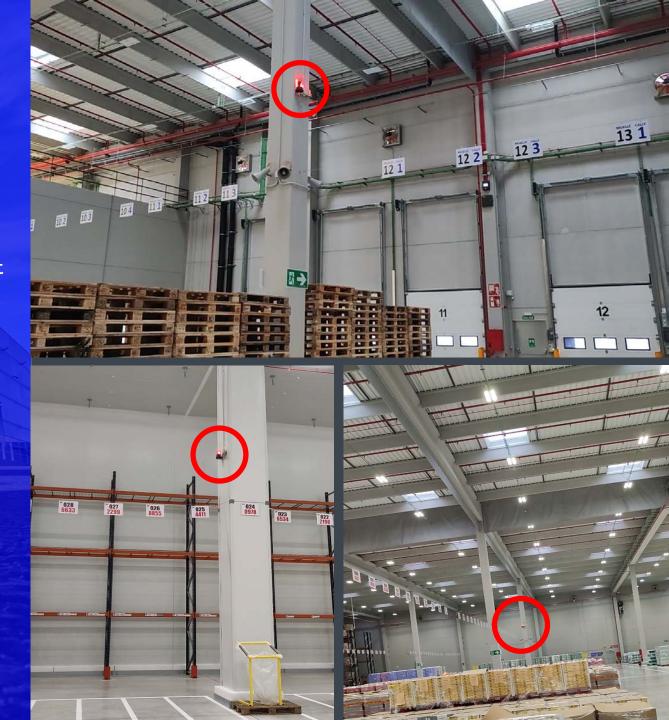


## **EVACUATION ALARM SYSTEM**

Hundreds of people work in each of the logistics plants. In these places, anomalies such as industrial gas leaks, fire, flooding, etc. can occur. The control system is constantly monitoring the data from the different sensors installed throughout the plant. Evacuation alarms can be produced under certain premises assigned by the technical team.

Evacuation alarms indicate that all personnel in the area must leave their workstation immediately. These alarms are placed in different sectors in order to be able to decide whether to evacuate a specific area or the entire plant.

The system can also decide whether to activate only audible alarms or to add visual alarms as well.





## SUPERVISION AND MONITORING SYSTEM

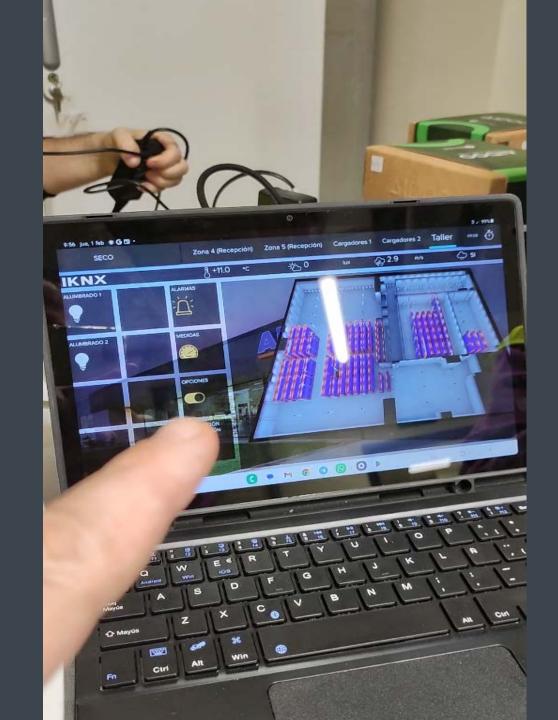
The most important part of a control system is the visual or graphical part with which the operator interacts to perform control, analysis or monitoring operations.

The project design is prepared to access the visualisation system from a PC, Tablet or Smartphone.

The screen size adapts to the device without having to change the resolution.

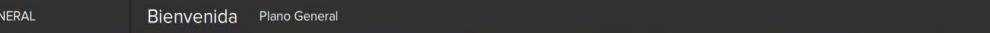
All the plans are made in 3D so that the rooms can be easily located. The choice of pictograms or icons identifying the functions have been chosen bearing in mind the type of user who can control the system. The colours of the alarm texts, values and instructions have been selected on the basis of specific premises. In short, nothing has been left to chance, everything has a specific reason.

The following slides show some views of the visual part of the different projects of the logistics plants.









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**ALARMAS** 

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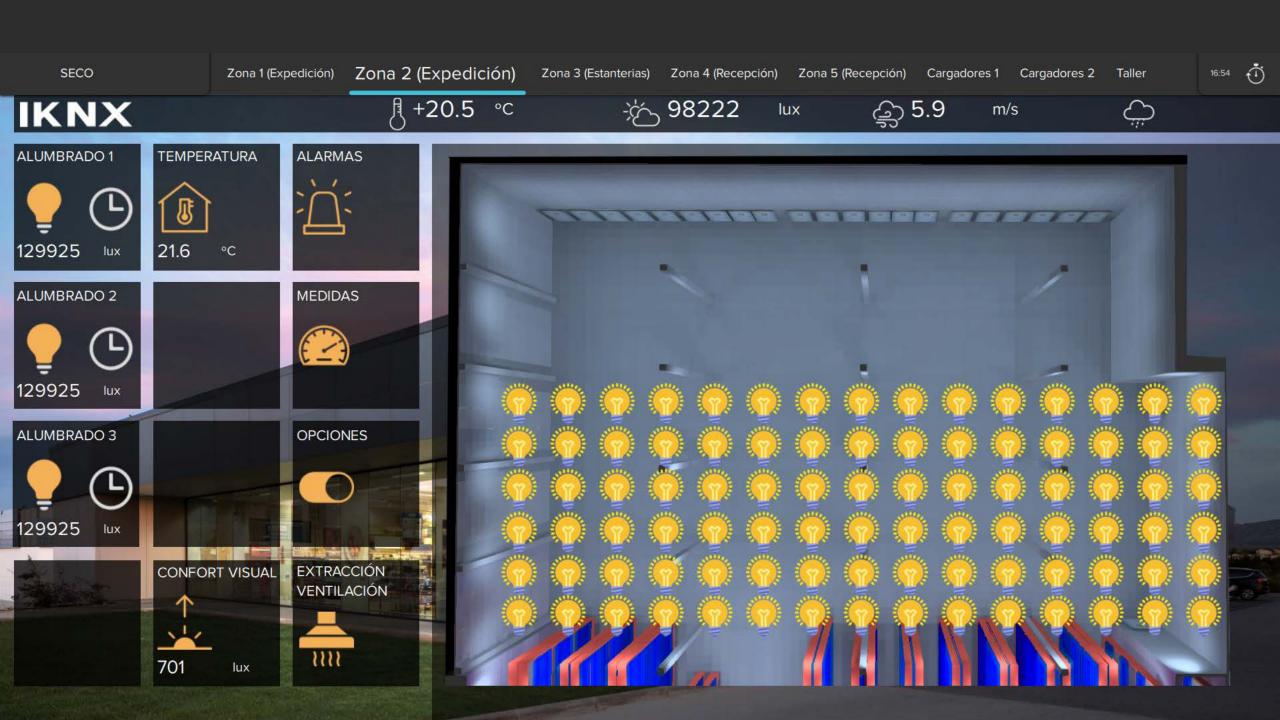


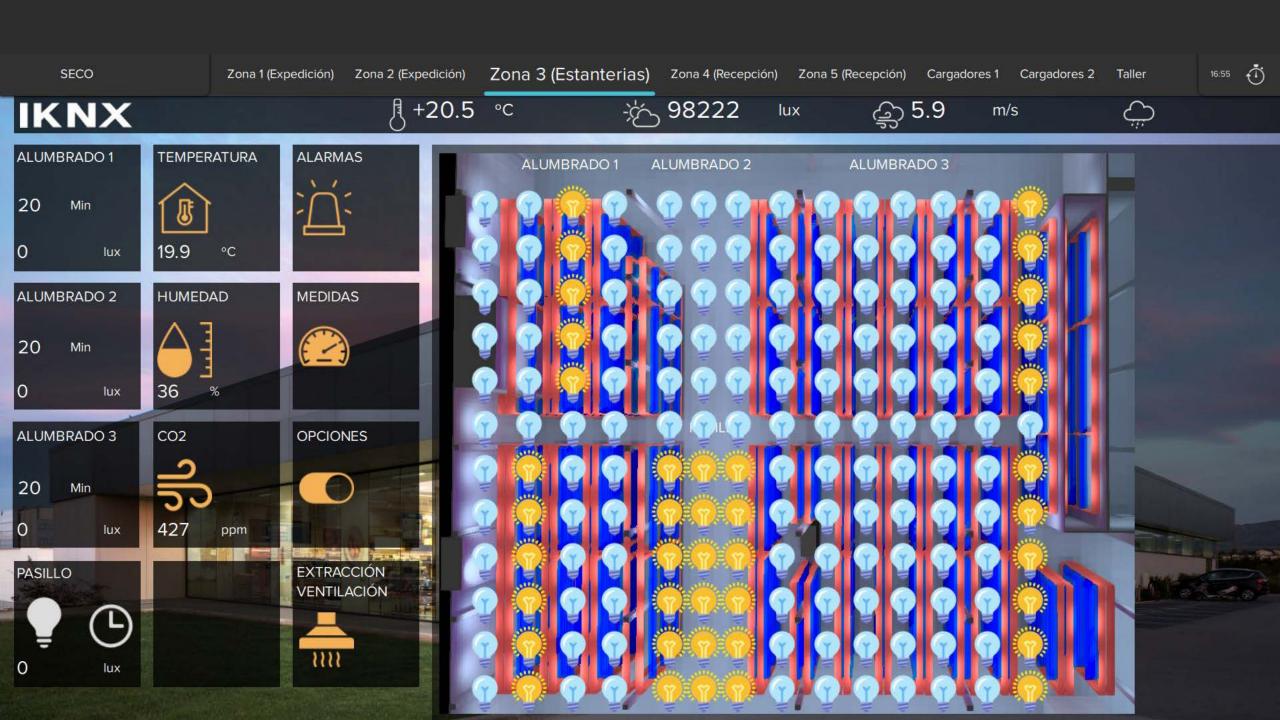


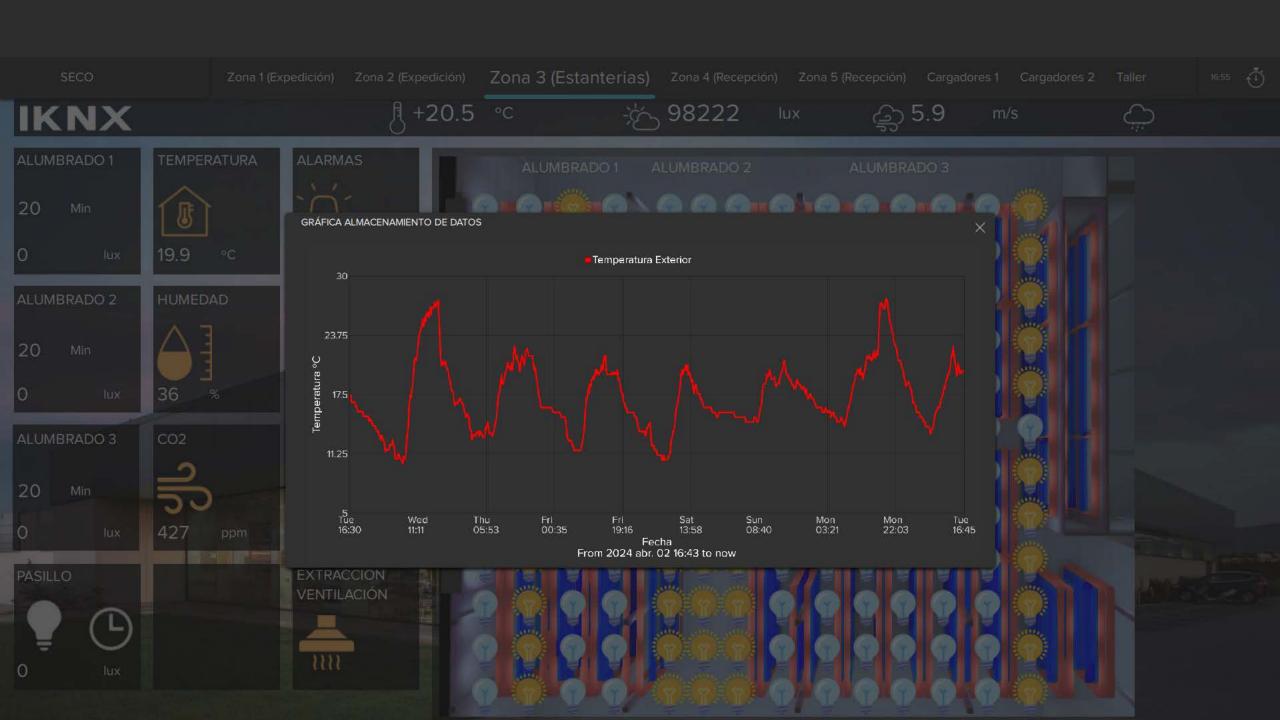
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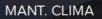
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**MEDIDAS** 





















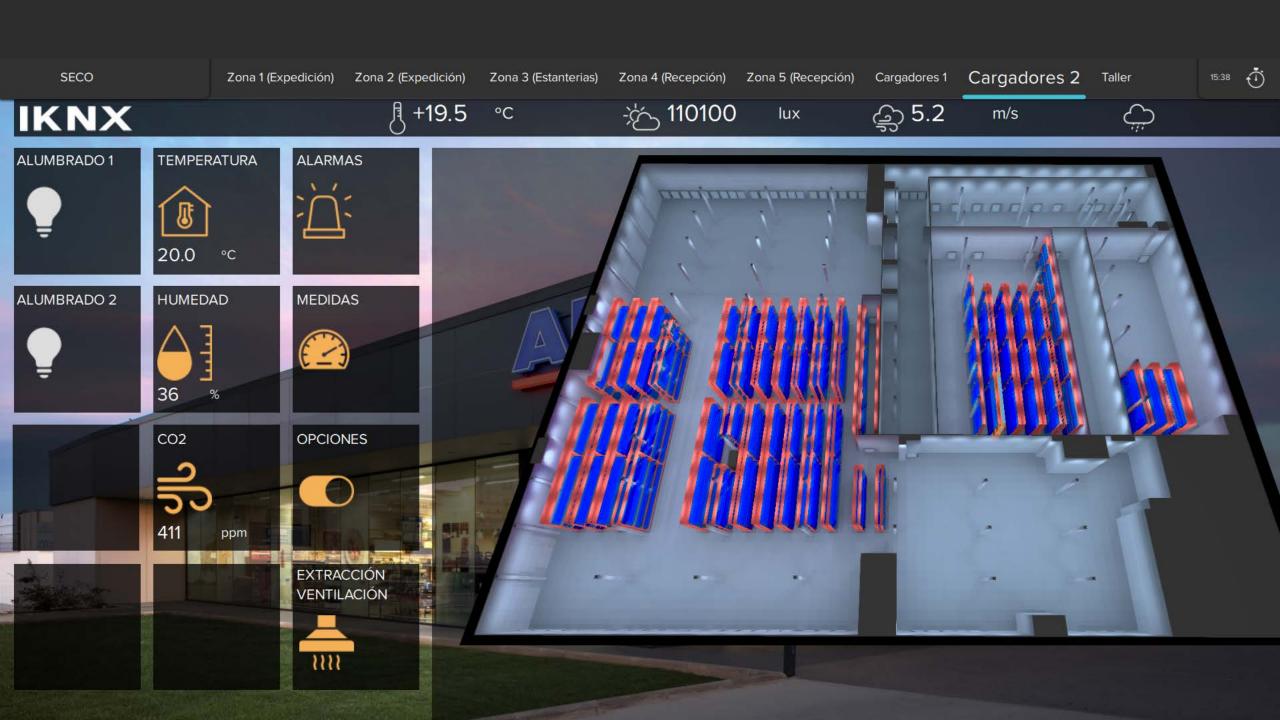




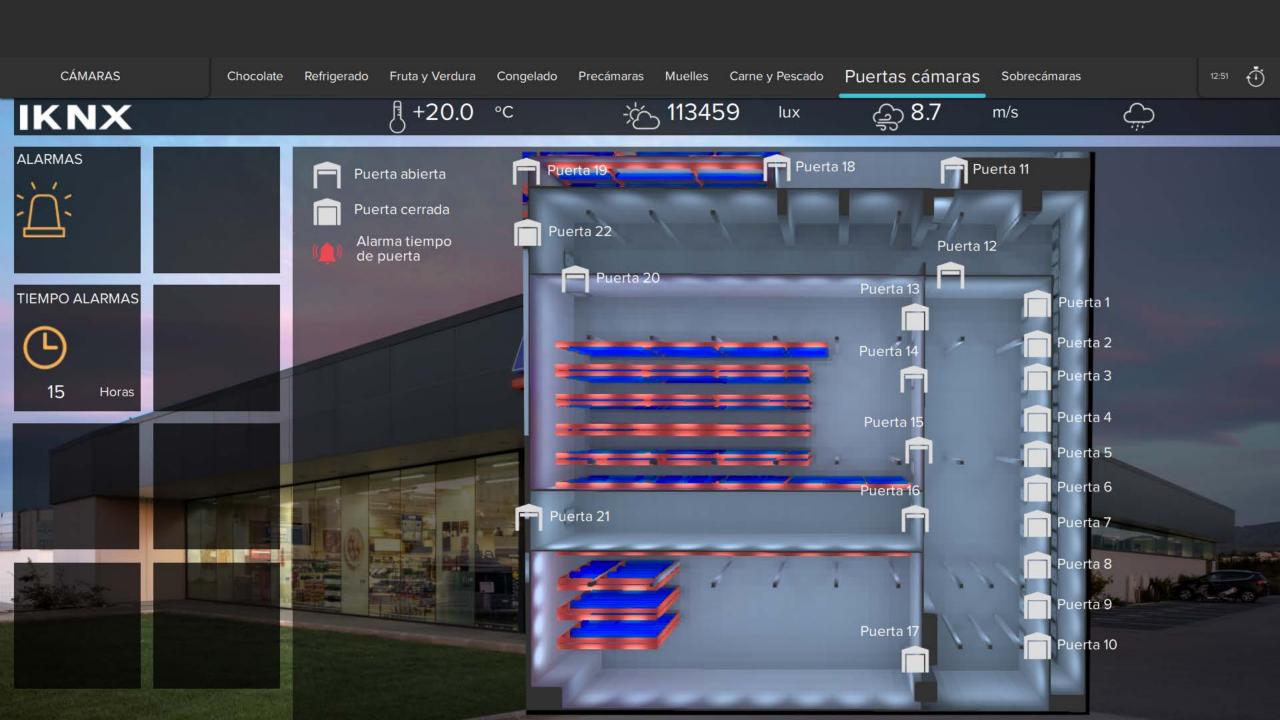




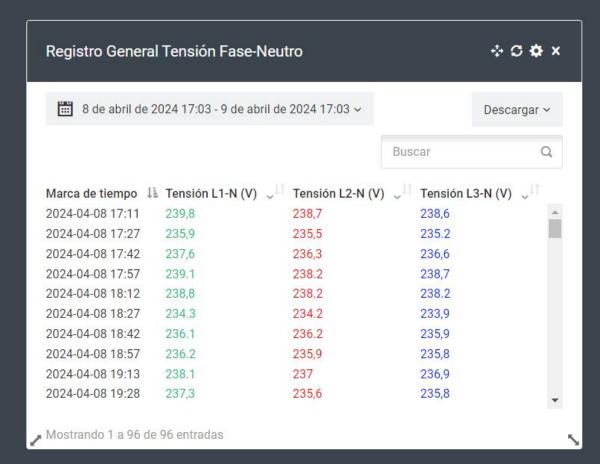


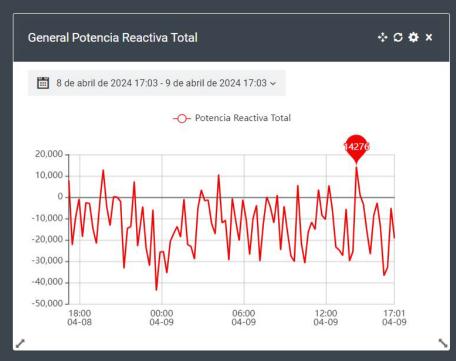






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2024-04-08 17:57	239.1	238.2	238,7
2024-04-08 18:12	238,8	238.2	238.2
2024-04-08 18:27	234.3	234.2	233,9
2024-04-08 18:42	236.1	236.2	235,9
2024-04-08 18:57	236.2	235,9	235,8
2024-04-08 19:13	238.1	237	236,9
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2024-04-08 19:43	232,7	233,5	232.1
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FRIO INDUSTRIAL

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TEMPERATURAS 1 TEMPERATURAS 2

**HUMEDADES Y MEDICIC** 

Temperatura exterior	+20.5℃
Temperatura Muelles Expedicion y Recepcion	9.9℃
Temperatura Precamara Fruta y Verdura	10.8℃
Temperatura Fruta y Verdura	10.7℃
Temperatura Chocolate	13.9℃
Temperatura Precamara Refrigerado	3.5℃
Temperatura Refrigerado	4.0 ℃
Temperatura Carne y Pescado	0.6℃
Temperatura Congelado	-19.0 ℃
Temperatura Sandach	-0.5℃
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CÁMARAS

Precámara

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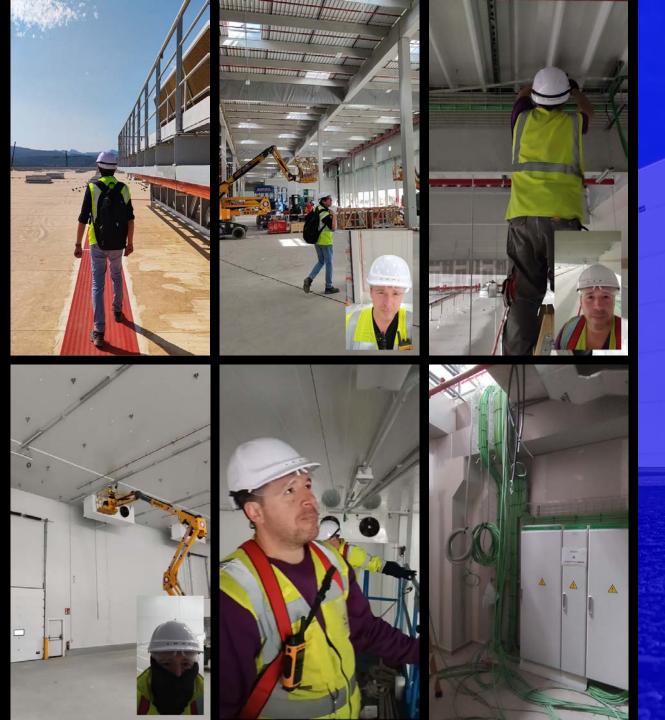
Chocolate Refrigerado Fruta y Verdura Congelado TEMPERATURA Temperatura Valor velocidad del viento 110100 lux Luminosidad exterior Temperatura exterior +20.5℃



Alumbrado 2



Alumbrado 1

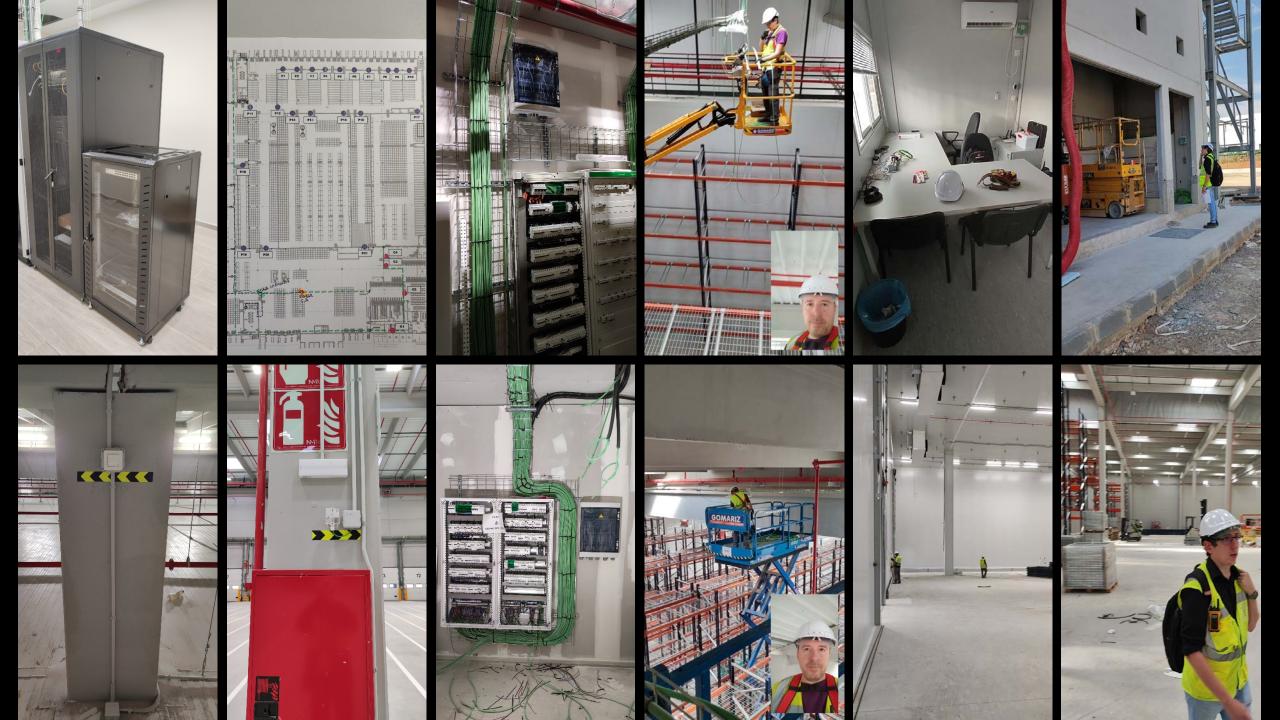


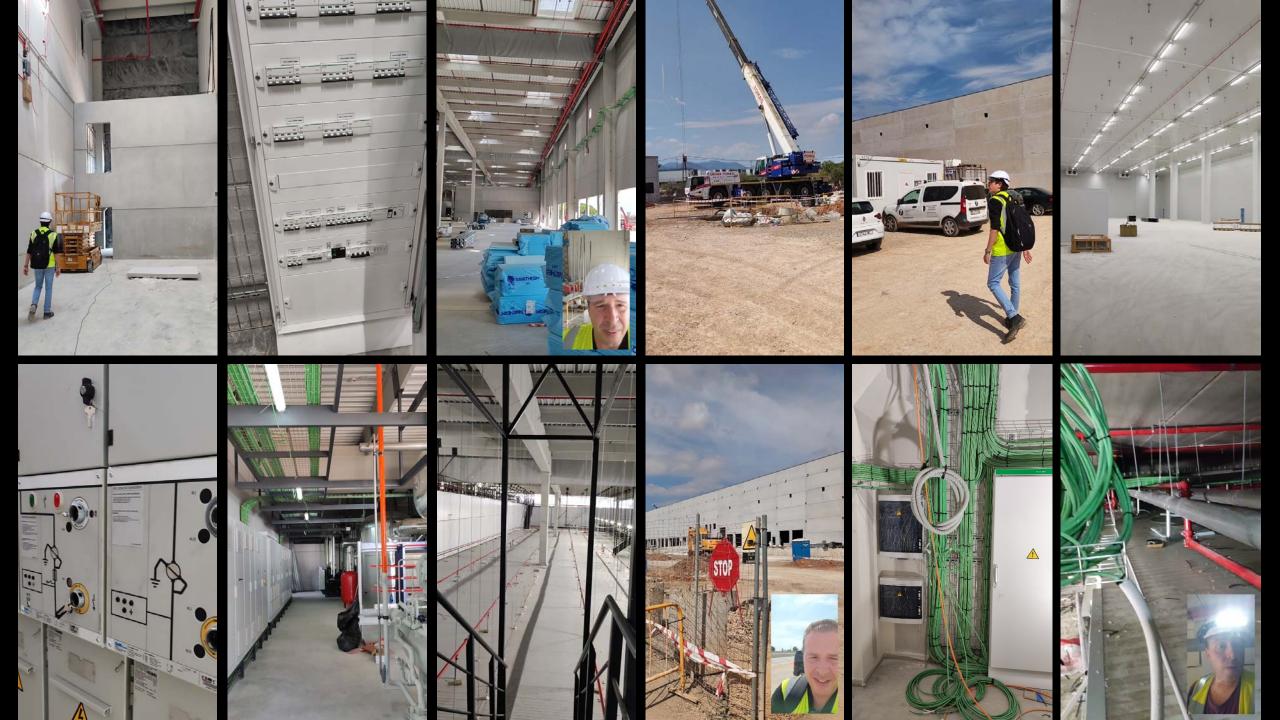
## **TWO YEARS IN PICTURES**

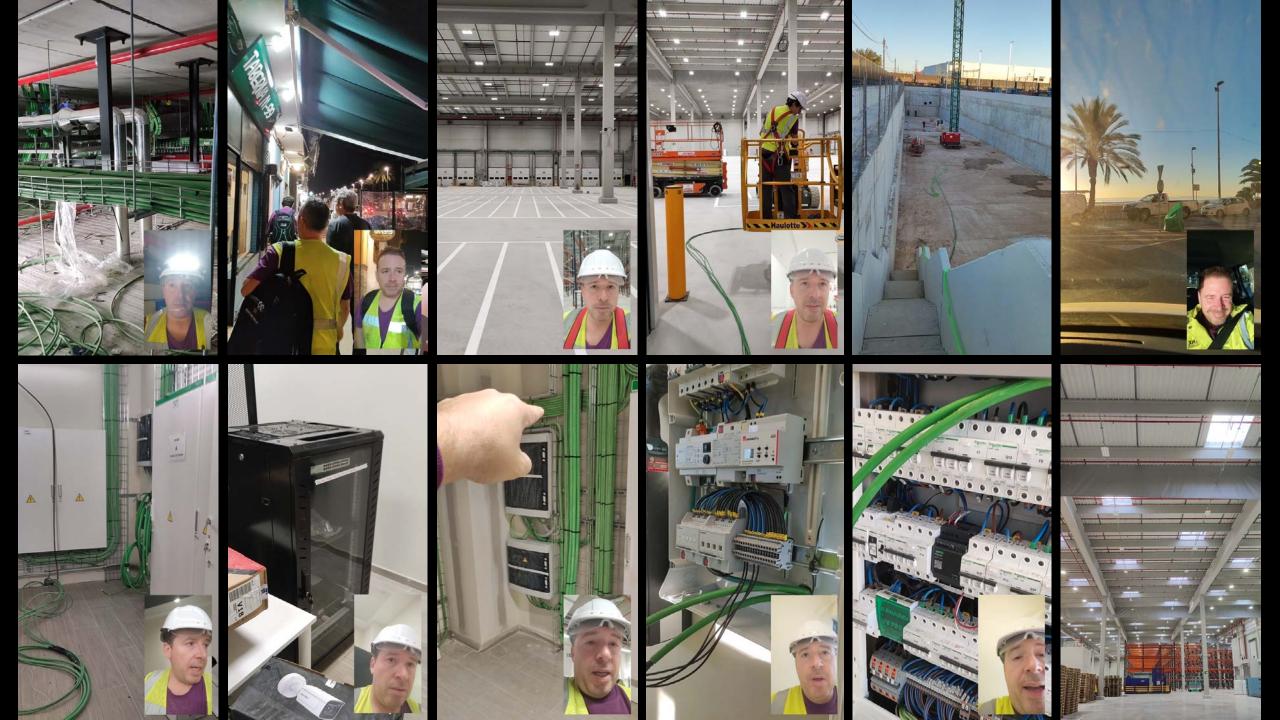
It has been two years of hard work behind us. We have met numerous technicians and professionals from the construction sector who have become our family during many months away from home. With them we have learnt many things we did not know about different disciplines and we have worked side by side to create this great project in record time.

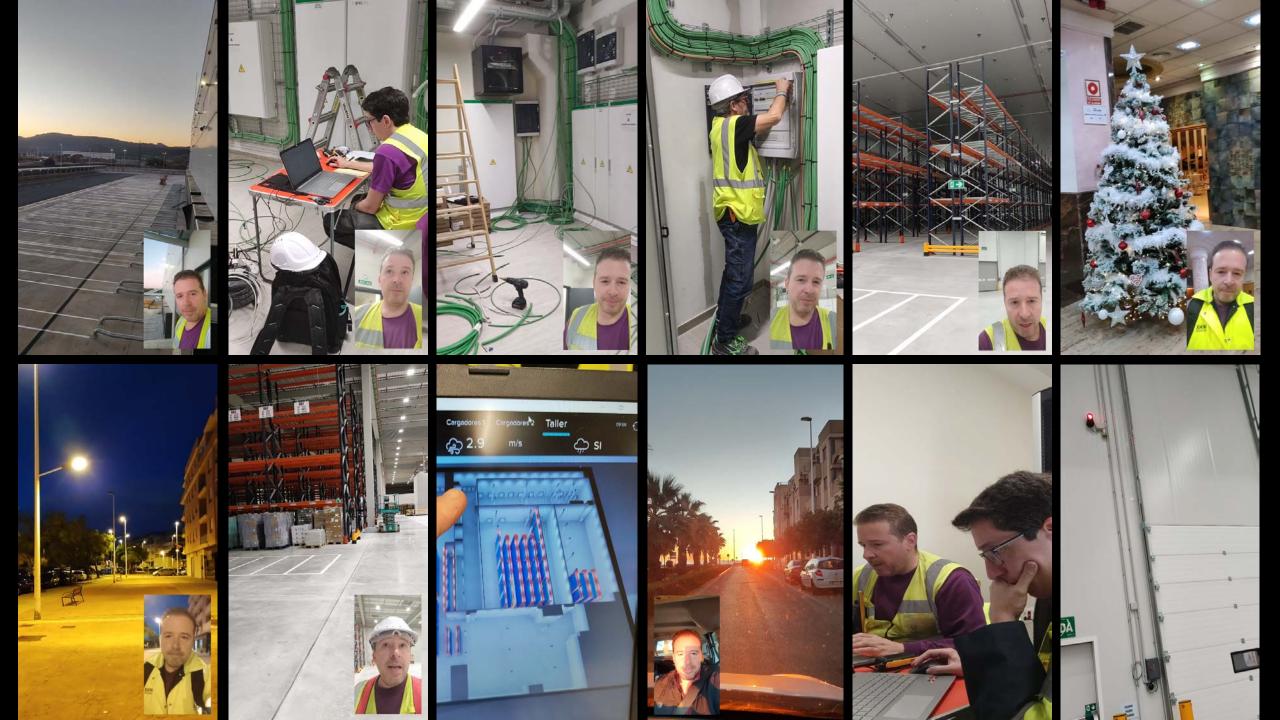
We like to document all our projects with photos and videos and this one in particular has given us many hours of video and hundreds of photos that we will use in the training courses that our technical team gives to students and professionals who want to enter the world of KNX installations.

Here is a sample of photographs of those days when we were on site, connecting equipment, testing and setting this great project in motion.







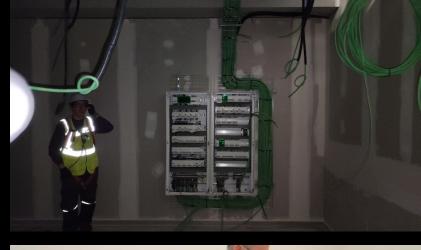




















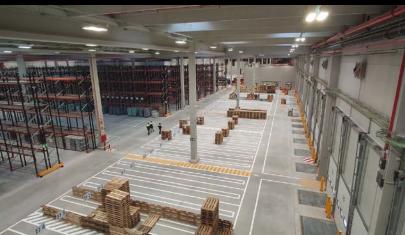








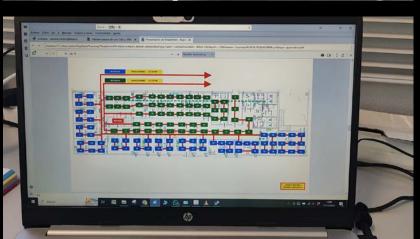
















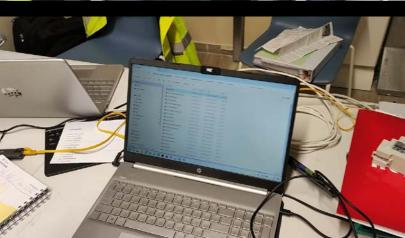


















## SUMMARY OF SOLUTIONS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT

- ✓ Control of the interior and exterior lighting system by presence detection, constant light and time regulation
- ✓ Technical alarm control of DALI system.
- ✓ Visual comfort control.
- ✓ Air quality monitoring.
- ✓ Thermal comfort control.
- ✓ Air conditioning system control.
- ✓ Extraction system control.
- ✓ Control of the fire-fighting system.
- ✓ Control of the exhaust system.
- ✓ Solar tracking by weather station.
- Analysis of outdoor weather conditions.
- ✓ Monitoring, control and analysis of water consumption.
- ✓ Monitoring, control and analysis of power consumption.
- ✓ Monitoring and control of gensets.
- Monitoring and control of uninterrupted power supply systems U.P.S..
- ✓ Monitoring and control of the photovoltaic system.
- Control of the evacuation alarm system.
- ✓ Control of environmental quantities in technical rooms.
- Wastewater system monitoring.
- ✓ Monitoring of the storm surge arrester system.
- ✓ Monitoring and control of electrical panels.
- ✓ Monitoring and control of the industrial refrigeration production plant.
- ✓ Monitoring of critical alerts such as industrial gas leaks.
- √ Voice control of the system.

- ✓ Lift fault warning monitoring.
- ✓ Monitoring and alerting of refrigerating chambers temperatures.
- ✓ Monitoring and control of refrigerating chambers doors.
- ✓ Monitoring and control of dehumidifiers.
- ✓ Tank level monitoring and alerting.
- Security camera monitoring.
- ✓ Electric car charging control.
- ✓ Sectorised water supply control.
- System access via PC, Tablet and Smartphone.
- ✓ Hierarchical user access system.
- Monitoring and control of the KNX power supply system with diagnostic module.
- KNX Secure communications security system.
- Monitoring of the overpressure system in evacuation corridors.
- Cloud-based data storage with graphing and information reporting.

### TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT WE NEEDED:

- ✓ A total of 10,240 working hours.
- √ 3 Project engineers specialised in KNX systems.
- ✓ 4 Support technicians for installation and assembly.





